

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held April 17, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"Organ and tissue donation is a life-giving act recognized Worldwide as the greatest expression of compassion. More than 93,000 individuals Nationwide and 19,000 in California are currently on the National organ transplant wait list, and every 90 minutes, one person dies while waiting for a donated organ. A single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives, and donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up to 50 others.

"Each year, 25,000 lives are saved and the quality of life for many hundreds of thousands more is enhanced by organ and tissue transplantation. Many bereaved families find a measure of comfort in donating organs and tissue so that others may benefit."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed April 2007 as "National Donate Life Month" throughout Los Angeles County, to acknowledge the Donate Life California Registry; and urged Los Angeles County citizens to learn the facts about organ and tissue donation and exercise their power to donate.

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